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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, MIS:

SUBJECT: War Department Intelligence Plan

1. The War Department Intelligence Plan is a document unique in War Department annals and represents a commendable and well-thought-out project to systematize the collection and evaluation of War Department information. The plan amply provides for the functions of the Intelligence Group outlined in WDGS Circular No. 5-2A, Organization, par. 2. Further, this plan, forwarded to the Director of Information, will be an admirable and adequate guide for him with reference to his information-gathering functions outlined in WDGS Circular No. 5-2A, Organization, par. 1.

2. The following specific comments are made:

a. It is believed that the proposed distribution should be reconsidered. Because of the highly inflammatory and controversial contents of this plan, security considerations dictate a limited circulation. In addition, only those parts directly applicable to each addressee should be sent, rather than the entire plan. Thus, for example, the complete plan would be sent only to the War Department General Staff, Civil Affairs Division, Joint Intelligence Committee, State and Navy. Part I should be sent by the Director of Information in directive form to the collecting agencies, including theaters and occupation forces. Part II also should be included in collecting directives prepared by the Director of Information. Similarly, for each portion of the plan a definite determination should be made as to who shall act on it.

b. The first paragraph of the Introduction seems to imply a directive to all individuals serving the United States. The implementing of this plan will necessitate directives to War Department agencies, but when it is sent to other Government agencies it should be made clear that it is for information only.

c. The plan as it now stands is purely and simply a plan. The implementing of the plan to bring about the envisaged flow into MIS of information and the flow out of intelligence will require a

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comprehensive standard operating procedure published by the Chief, MIS, calling for coordinated action in collection, evaluation and dissemination by interested groups of MIS. Reference is here made to FM 30-5, paragraphs 15 and 16. It is requested that a copy of this standard operating procedure be furnished the Policy Staff.

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